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SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

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To:	The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From:	Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO Kyle Hansen, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Date:	November 13, 2026
Subject:	Summer 2027 Construction Update

We wanted to provide the Board with a quick update on the status of three main construction projects that we have under consideration and/or in process for 2027. We have our regular Capital Improvement Program Projects program that includes renovation/upgrades for ten bathrooms (2 sets at Sipley, 2 sets at Willow Creek and 1 set at Murphy) and some new carpeting/flooring for the Sipley LRC that in total are budgeted for $1.25M (hopefully we can get this work done for closer to $1M or less, if possible). We are also in the process of preparing/completing a bid package for new electronic signs at all of our elementary schools that are part of the Capital Improvement Plan, but will be managed by us and not involving our Architect or Construction Manager. Finally, we are also in the process of providing follow up information to the Board regarding a potential Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to be located at Meadowview Elementary School. These projects are briefly described below:

1. The summer renovation bids and related design drawings, specifications and related documents were developed and finalized in October, advertised in the paper on November 5th and put out on the street on November 6th by ICI. We are having a non-mandatory pre-bid walkthrough with interested Contractors on November 16th and the bids will be opened on December 2nd. We hope to bring recommendations to the Board on December 14th. The budget for this work is $1.2M-$1.25M, but we hope to bring recommendations closer to $1M if bidding goes well.

2. We are developing bid specifications, design drawings and related documents for new electronic signs for all of our Elementary Schools (similar to what we have at DAC and Jefferson). The base bid will be for powder-coated aluminum signs with Watchfire technology/software and full color LED display/graphics. We will also ask for alternates for both a split-faced block and/or stone veneer sign base, as well as for a full masonry sign base. Based on bids results for a similar project at a neighboring elementary school district we hope to get pricing in the $30K to $40K range for the powder-coated signs,

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$50K to $60K for the split-faced block/stone veneer signs and probably $75K to $100K for the full masonry signs. We will most likely recommend the powder coated signs (our base bid), but we wanted to see what type of multi-school discount we might be able to get for the other two more expensive options.

3. We will be bringing more information to the Board in December about a potential Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Meadowview. PSI has been working to develop a more detailed and itemized cost estimate for a 250kW BESS that could potentially be located at Meadowview, along with an updated estimated cash flow analysis that lays out the potential payback period and the full term positive cash flows that could be recognized from such a project. They will also answer any questions you had (or might have) and address any safety concerns that were raised. We are probably looking at a $1.2M - $1.25M budget for this work and hopefully a payback period around 5-6 years with positive cash flows in excess of $5M over the projected 15 year life for the BESS. More to come in the near future from PSI regarding this potential project.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to let me or Kyle know. Thank you.